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M. Cook and P. Higgins Are School Board Candidates

by Kathleen Gallagher

Peggy Higgins of Greenbelt and Mark Cook of College Park are competing in a non-partisan race in the November 2 general election to serve as the District 2 representative to the Prince George's County Board of Education. District 2 includes Greenbelt, College Park, New Carrollton, Berwyn Heights, Riverdale Park, Edmonston and parts of Lanham.

Biographical information has been drawn from material provided by the candidates.

Cook and Higgins met in a candidate forum in Greenbelt on October 14.

Mark Cook is currently serving his second term on the College Park City Council. Earlier he served as chair of the College Park Advisory Planning Commission and as a member of the city's Committee for a Better Environment.

A technology and performance management advisor, he has long been active in community service work. He is a former board member of the Prince George's

Family Crisis Center and a former co-chair of the public affairs group of the Baltimore-Washington Chamber of Commerce.

Cook lives in College Park with his wife, Sylvia Bolivar, and their two-year-old son. For more information see his website at www.markcook.com.

Peggy Higgins is an 18-year resident of Greenbelt East. As a social worker, she has worked with Prince George's County families and children for 25 years. For the last 20 years she has served as director of College Park's Youth and Family Services, a sister program to Greenbelt CARES, as well as senior services for College Park. She is a former member of the Prince George's County Public Schools Head Start Policy Council.

Higgins holds master's degrees in social work from Catholic University and in general administration from University of Maryland, University College. For more information see Higgins' website at www.electhiggins.org.



Peggy Higgins



Mark Cook

Where to Vote on November 2

The General Election is Tuesday, November 2. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Prince George's County Board of Elections advises that voters can avoid delays by voting between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Delays are most likely after 5 p.m. due to after-work voting.

Greenbelt's five precincts are served by five polling places:

- 21-03: Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
- 21-06: Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road
- 21-08: Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive
- 21-13: Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Mandan Road
- 21-18: Turning Point Academy, 7800 Good Luck Road

All registered voters should have recently received an official sample ballot from the county Board of Elections. The voter's precinct number and assigned polling place are shown in the top left corner of the back cover of the booklet. Those needing more details can call the Board of Elections office at 301-430-8030.

Today Is Final Day for Early Voting

Thursday, October 28 is the last day to vote early in the general election. Early voting polling places are open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The location closest to Greenbelt is the College Park Community Center at 5051 Pierce Avenue in College Park. Call the Board of Elections for more information at 301-430-8020.

What Goes On

Friday, October 29

4 p.m., Costume Contest and Parade. Registration 4 to 4:30 p.m., Grassy area in front of Curves. Trick or Treat around Roosevelt Center Merchants.

Sunday, October 31

6 to 8 p.m., Trick or Treating

Tuesday, Nov. 2

7 a.m. to 8 p.m., General Election

Thursday, November 4

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes Inc. Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Two Election Contests Tuesday Merit Large Greenbelt Turnout

by James Giese

Most names on the ballot of this Tuesday's General Election are either of persons who are uncontested in their effort to be elected to office or are faced with little-known challengers. There are two very important exceptions, however: the race for governor/lieutenant governor and for District 2 member of the Prince George's County Board of Education. These two races are sufficient to make it important for all Greenbelters eligible to vote to turn out on November 2. In addition to the two contested races, Greenbelt voters have the opportunity to vote up or down a number of ballot questions.

On the other races, where contests are lacking or opposition is token, Greenbelters can still cast a ballot in support if they like the person or, if displeased with a candidate, vote for the opponent, write in a name or not vote for that office.

Candidates are also running for governor and for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives from the Libertarian, Green and Constitution parties (see separate article on page 6 in this paper).

Contested Races

One contest is causing all Maryland television watchers to be bombarded with commercials,

most of which tell how bad the other guy is. Maryland's current governor, Martin O'Malley, is seeking a second term in that office. Prince Georgian Anthony Brown, who served two terms as a state delegate, the second as majority whip, is his running mate as lieutenant governor. Challenging O'Malley once again is Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., the prior governor who was defeated in his bid for a second term by O'Malley in 2006. Ehrlich's running mate is Mary Kane, who served as secretary of state in his administration.

See **TURNOUT**, page 6

Two Candidates for Md. Governor Provide Their Respective Platforms

by Thomas X. White

The O'Malley – Ehrlich rematch for governor of Maryland is shaping up as the hottest race in the state. Candidates of five political parties are on the ballot for the offices of governor/lieutenant governor. Besides incumbent Governor Martin O'Malley and his running mate Anthony Brown, there are the Republican challenger former Governor Robert Ehrlich and his running mate Mary Kane and three other candidate teams in the race. (See separate article on page 6 about other announced candidates and additional persons who have filed

as write-ins and will appear on the ballot.)

The grudge match between current Governor Martin O'Malley and Robert Ehrlich, the man he defeated in 2006, is garnering most media attention. Maryland TV stations, for example, are bombarding viewers with their political ads.

With two debates during the past week and a few more taking place before the November 2 election, it is clear these candidates have little use for each other. Ehrlich hammers away that he would focus as gover-

nor on jobs creation and helping small businesses in Maryland. He charges the O'Malley campaign with litigating the past with attack ads while he would deal with Maryland's future.

O'Malley responds that in the past two years he has had to face a challenging and difficult economy. He now sees Maryland looking toward better days, not slipping back to policies the former governor had embraced. O'Malley says the Maryland economy is doing better than

See **PLATFORMS**, page 12

Sixth Annual Utopia Film Festival Is Slated for October 28-31 Here

by Susan Gervasi

Now in its sixth year, Greenbelt's Utopia Film Festival offers movie-lovers an array of offbeat independent films from Thursday, October 28 through Sunday, October 31.

Utopia, an all-volunteer project of nonprofit Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), will screen a variety of features, shorts, documentaries and animation by local filmmakers and directors from across the nation and around the world.

Screenings will be held at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, second-floor City Council chambers and the historic P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre at 129 Centerway in Roosevelt Center.

"We aim to offer films by local filmmakers while bringing

works about broader issues which you might not otherwise get a chance to see," said Utopia programming chair Erica Ginsberg. "We will also be spotlighting some incredible documentaries which deal with everything from Middle East peace prospects to the legacy of the Spanish Civil War to what it takes to be an urban farmer in the shadows of cities like Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles."

Utopia annually seeks films reflecting the spirit of Greenbelt's idealistic founding as a community designed to foster cooperation and social harmony – though the planning committee also interprets "utopian" as sometimes having to confront disturbing social realities. Ginsberg pointed out that submissions have been screened

for quality by a panel of 20 local residents.

"It's gratifying to know that the films we program are the ones desired by the community," she said.

This year's program is particularly strong on short films in a diversity of genres: horror, drama, comedy, animation and documentary.

Begins Thursday

The film festival begins on Thursday, October 28 at 7 p.m., when the Greenbelt Municipal Building hosts a screening of "Crossing Borders," a full-length documentary about a group of American and Moroccan students who discover each other – and something about themselves – as

See **UTOPIA**, page 11

Letters

No Good Deed Unpunished?

I was trying to trap a stray cat in a wooded area of Greenbelt to take the cat to the vet and then take it to our home, where I hoped it could have a long, healthy, safe, happy life.

Instead, someone took it upon themselves to steal the (borrowed) trap, which was chained to a tree. A sign on the top of the trap said Humane Rescue, with my two phone numbers. The thief didn't bother to call and talk to me to ask if this project was in the cat's best interests. They just stole the trap, using heavy-duty pliers or wire-cutters and waltzed off.

Since any other trap in the same area will also be subject to theft by this person, I do hope they're happy for having probably doomed the cat to a feral life in the cold and storms and sickness, possibly breeding more kittens to the same misery. Way to do a good deed!

Animal Control Officer Susie Root says some of the city's traps have been stolen too, also reducing their ability to help animals in from the cold.

Whoever you are, I hope you get a real nice case of poison ivy, because I can't think of anyone who deserves it more.

If you want to help animals, send a donation to Alley Cat Allies and keep your hands off our live traps.

Tina Rhea

THANKS!

During the windstorms of October 22 a 20-foot limb was torn off an oak in our front yard, landing straddled across the electric and telephone lines to 29 and 31 Lakeside. Two days and several phone calls later Pepco took it off but it proved too heavy for this senior to drag away. I sawed off smaller pieces but a big chunk remained when Officer Carl Lui of the Greenbelt police stopped in front of the house for a phone call.

I asked for his help "just for a minute" but he said a report of a break-in had come in – he'd return later. Sure enough, half an hour later, Officer Lui rang the bell, then dragged the limb to the forest – heavy for me, a one-hand pull for this young guy.

Thank you, Officer Lui!

David P. Stern

Greenbelt's Solar Future Could Become a Reality

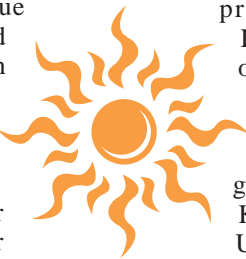
by Melanie Lynn Griffin

The national dialogue about green jobs and green investing often sounds like pure politics or hypothetical economic theory, but in Greenbelt residents hope to put their money where their mouths are. An enthusiastic group of 30 people gathered at the Community Center on October 13 to discuss reducing Greenbelt's carbon footprint by promoting the use of solar power locally. Hosted by the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN), the evening featured presentations by a group of Greenbelt residents who have been studying the possibility of forming an LLC (Limited Liability Corporation) with the goal of installing solar panels on a public building such as a school or a city building.

Lore Rosenthal and Frank Gervasi explained that LLC members would initially fund the installation of solar panels on a community building and then sell the power to that host site for a bit less than Pepco charges. Through various government grants and tax programs, members of the LLC might hope to receive a reasonable rate of return.

Cost

"Of course there's always risk involved," said Robert Kessel of Greenbelt as he set up his



presentation on solar LLCs. "After the cost of the solar system itself, one of the biggest expenses for the University Park group was legal advice." Kessel described the University Park Community Solar LLC of which he is a member and explained that the group spent two years working its way through the legal and logistical maneuvers necessary to get their project up and running. "Greenbelt can benefit from our experience," he said, "by largely reusing the basic structure and core documents" that have allowed the Church of the Brethren – the host site in University Park – to essentially reduce their carbon footprint to zero.

Steve Linder told the group that there are about 10 community buildings in Greenbelt that might have potential as a host site. The building should have full sun between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day and the roof must have a certain orientation. "We aren't at the point where we'll ask permission to crawl around on people's roofs yet," he said.

Questions

A lively and well-informed audience asked more than a dozen questions ranging from methods of measuring electricity usage to solar panel insurance to state grant programs. A woman asked if increasingly severe storms caused by climate change might damage the panels and several solar system owners addressed the risks of high winds and hail storms. Which led another audience member to ask the eternal Greenbelt question: "What about squirrel damage?"

For more information and to be kept informed on the progress of the LLC, email Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or call 301-345-2234.

Corrections

In last week's article on the new owners at what is now Franklin Park (formerly Empirian Village) we misspelled the name of one of the new owners. It is Joseph Kazarnovsky who is a principal of Fieldstone Properties.

In the article by Barbara Simon on the Utopia Film Festival KidVids on page 12 last week, we did not properly identify the affiliation of the writer. Barbara Simon is president of GAVA and manager of the animation program.

Grin Belt



"Sorry no acorn treats for whiny kids."

On Screen

Does Crime Pay?

Just in time for Halloween, "The Town" opens at Old Greenbelt Theatre Friday, October 29 with its careering bank heist duo sporting a costume or two. Lead Doug (Ben Affleck, co-writer and director as well) is dug deeply into his native Charlestown, Mass., terrain, abetted by headstrong pal Jim (Jeremy Renner). Complicating matters are kidnapee Claire (Rebecca Hall); Doug's jailed father (Chris Cooper) and former flame, Jim's sister (Blake Lively); plus an FBI agent (Jon Hamm) on the duo's trail. What kind of payoff comes into play is the viewer's call.

Rated R for strong violence, pervasive language, sexuality and drug use. Running time is 125 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, November 4, 2010

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Unpermitted Overheight Vinyl Shed, 16S Ridge Road
- Unpermitted Overheight Vinyl Sheds, 16R Ridge Road
- Nominations for Vacant Board Seat
- Web Design RFP
- Home Inspection Policy
- Audit Format Changes
- Pilot Project News Release
- Pilot Project Outreach
- Buildings Committee Recommendation on Solar PV Systems
- Contract for Repair to Detached Garage Roofs at 35/37 Ridge Road – 1st Reading
- Contract for 2011-2013 Tree Maintenance – 1st Reading
- Contract for 2011-13 Custodial Services for Administration Building – 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF OCT 29

Friday - Saturday

The Town (R)

*5, 7:20, 9:35

Rocky Horror Picture Show (R)

Midnight

Sunday

The Town (R)

*5, 7:20

Rocky Horror Picture Show (R)

10 p.m.

Monday - Thursday

The Town (R)

*5, 7:20

*These shows at \$6.50

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Community Events

GHI Notes

Friday October 29, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can receive assistance by calling the maintenance number: 301-474-6011.)

Tuesday, November 2, 8:30 a.m., Ad-hoc Yard Lines Committee – GHI library

Wednesday, November 3, 7 p.m., Joint Board of Directors/Finance Committee – Board Room

Thursday, November 4, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting, Board Room

Saturday, November 6, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, November 9, 7 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee – GHI lobby

Wednesday, November 10, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee – Board Room

Thursday, November 11 – Offices Closed for Veterans’ Day Holiday (Emergency maintenance is available by calling 301-474-6011.)

Friday, November 12 – Offices Closed (emergency maintenance, 301-474-6011)

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Astronomical Society Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will hold a public star party on Saturday, October 30 at the Greenbelt City Observatory. Telescope set-up begins at dusk and observing will begin at about 7 p.m. Among the targets will be several star clusters, the Andromeda galaxy and the planet Jupiter with its four Galilean satellites.

In addition to the 14” Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope in the observatory, ASG members will have their personal telescopes set up. This offers a great opportunity for those considering buying a telescope to see various kinds and to discuss the issues involved in selecting a telescope. New telescope owners are invited to set up and ask any questions about using and caring for telescopes.

This event is open to the public; no admission is charged. Because space on the top of Observatory Hill by the observatory is limited, plan to park in the lot at the bottom of Observatory Hill unless disabled or bringing a telescope.

More Community Events
see pages 2, 4 and 5.

Library Renovation Nears Completion

Renovations at the Greenbelt Library are nearing completion. In preparation for the move back into the newly-renovated building, the mini-library in the Community Center will close on Saturday, November 6 at 5 p.m.

Three weeks later the Greenbelt branch will open to the public Monday, November 29 at 1 p.m., with special festivities to be held in early December. Meanwhile, the book drop at the Greenbelt branch will remain open for returns.

In addition a number of library services can be accessed online at www.pgcmpls.info; book renewals can be made by phone at 301-333-3111; and the Hyattsville branch (6530 Adelphi Road, 301-985-4690) and New Carrollton branch (7414 Riverdale Road, 301-459-6900) are nearby with full library services.



Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club had the monthly birthday luncheon at the October 20 meeting. Quite a few members were missing due to the trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto. Speaking of the trip, our thanks to Mary and Barry Moien, who led us on that great trip with lots of laughs, good food and beautiful scenery.

It’s that time of year again – the nominating committee will be calling for board members for 2011. Please say yes when they call. We are known as an active club and need everyone to volunteer and help keep the Golden Age Club hopping.

Our condolences to the family of Margaret Smith. She was a very strong lady and never gave up. She will be missed at meetings.

Greenbelt is lovely in the fall with all our beautiful trees. Enjoy each day and come out to meetings and join in the activities.

Trick-or-treating
on
All Hallow’s Eve?

Stop by 36J Ridge Rd.
for a delightful scare ...
if you dare ... BWAA-
HAA-HAA-HAAA!!!
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Sunday

Halloween Costume Contest and Parade

All ages are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween finest on Friday, October 29 between 4 and 4:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Center, behind Curves, for the Halloween Costume Contest and Parade.

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes for ages 18 months through 6th grade. There will also be a category for the best costumed family and best pet. Entertainment will be by Greg May’s Mayhem Magical Circus.

New Deal Café Wins County Arts Grant

This month The Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) were awarded an Arts-in-the-Community grant from the Prince George’s Arts Council to support the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series in 2011. This program, produced by the New Deal Café under the direction of café President Terri Rutledge, brings musical groups from local schools to Roosevelt Center to perform for the community.

Performances last spring from 2010 funding included two concerts by the Robert Goddard Jazz Band and Robert Goddard Electric Strings in May and the Northwestern High School Jazz Ensemble and the Before Noon choral/guitar group from Eleanor Roosevelt High School June 5 for the 73rd anniversary celebration of Greenbelt.

An annual Jim Cassels Community Service Award was presented to FONDCA for this purpose by the Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative, to be used for a new project by an organization or group that has made a significant contribution to the Greenbelt community.

The new grant will enable the Café to produce three concerts this spring. For more information, email Barbara Simon, president of FONDCA, at simongava@yahoo.com.

ERHS Fall Concert Is Next Thursday

The fall concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) is scheduled for Thursday, November 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Free and open to the public, it will feature the Concert Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra directed by Dr. David Yarbrough; the Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band directed by Sally Wagner; and the Concert Choir and Men’s Ensemble directed by Michele Fowlin.

ERHS is located at 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt.

Museum Orientation Film Shown Sunday

Sunday, October 31 at 2 p.m. will be the premiere of “Greenbelt: A Model Community,” the Greenbelt Museum’s new orientation film. It will be shown at the historic P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre as part of the Utopia Film Festival and will be followed by a showing of the 1939 documentary “The City.”

The new film features interviews with Greenbelt pioneer children, academics, community activists as well as local children sharing their stories about Greenbelt. These interviews coupled with period photographs and live action video from the 1930s tell Greenbelt’s history in a compelling way.

The film was made possible through grants from the Maryland Humanities Council, Maryland Historical Trust, Greenbelt Community Foundation and County Council Member Ingrid M. Turner (4th District) as well as financial assistance from partners ASRC Federal, the City of Greenbelt and Utopia Film Festival, with sponsorship by Noll Historical Consulting and Beltway Emergency Veterinary Hospital.

There is a fee. For more information call 301-507-6582.

Explore Arthritis Exercise Program

On Friday, November 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Amanda Porter on the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise classes are low impact and stress releasing. Their exercises focus on balance and range of motion movements and can be done in a seated position.

Porter is currently a student at Frostburg State University and will start a therapeutic recreation internship with the City of Greenbelt in January.

Everyone is welcome. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of OCT. 29

FRI. – SAT.
Legend of the Guardians, PG
11:50, 2, 4:40
N'Secure, R
7:20, 10:35
Paranormal Activity 2, R (!)
11:50, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10
Jackass 3D, R (!)
3D “No fees at our location”
11:50, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10
Saw 2D, R (!)
11:50, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10
Red, R (!)
11:30, 2:20, 4:55, 7:50, 10:30
Hereafter, PG-13 (!)
11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25
The Social Network, PG-13
11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25
Secretariat, PG
11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25

SUN.
Legend of the Guardians, PG
11:50, 2
N'Secure, R
4:55, 7:20
Paranormal Activity 2, R (!)
11:50, 2, 4:30, 7:15
Jackass 3D, R (!)
3D “No fees at our location”
11:50, 2, 4:30, 7:15
Saw 2D, R (!)
11:50, 2, 4:30, 7:15
Red, R (!)
11:30, 2:20, 4:55, 7:50
Hereafter, PG-13 (!)
11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45
The Social Network, PG-13
11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45
Secretariat, PG
11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45

MON. – THU.
Legend of the Guardians, PG
12:45, 3:10
N'Secure, R
5:50, 8:30
Paranormal Activity 2, R (!)
12:50, 3, 5:30, 8:15
Jackass 3D, R (!)
3D “No fees at our location”
12:50, 3, 5:30, 8:15
Saw 2D, R (!)
12:50, 3, 5:30, 8:15
Red, R (!)
12:30, 3:30, 6, 8:30
Hereafter, PG-13 (!)
12:40, 3:20, 6, 8:35
The Social Network, PG-13
12:40, 3:20, 6, 8:35
Secretariat, PG
12:30, 3:10, 5:50, 8:30

HOLIDAY BAZAAR
AND AUCTION

Greenbelt Community Church

November 6, 2010

Handmade items, foods, seasonal decorations, gifts.

Raffle Baskets

Exotic SERRV items from U.S. and abroad

Fabulous Bake Sale

LUNCH

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Hillside and Crescent Roads

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Chapter Two

by Neil Simon, directed by Sheilah Crossley-Cox

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Sundays, November 21 & 28 at 2:30 PM

The November 13th performance will be sign-interpreted for the hearing impaired.

\$15 General/\$12 Students/Seniors

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ALSO:

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!!

Call 301.441.8770 for more information

Obituaries

Margaret Zupancic

Margaret Louise Zupancic (Meg), 36, died on October 7, 2010, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.



From birth, Meg was an exceptional person in every way. She excelled in school, graduating from Newton North High School and magna cum laude from Wesleyan University. She received a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin before managing a laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley. In 2009 she received a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. At the time of her death she held a post-doctoral fellowship at the Institute for Genome Sciences at the University of Maryland Medical School in Baltimore where she was participating in research into how the human microbiome interacts with the genetics of obesity.

Music was an important part of Meg's life. A talented clarinetist, she played in groups in the Newton schools, at the New England Conservatory of Music and at Wesleyan and continued to play after college, including at her wedding in 2003.

Meg found a deep spiritual connection to the great spaces of nature. She first loved the hills and mountains of New England and also fell in love with the landscape of northern California during her time there. She enjoyed camping and was an accomplished backcountry explorer. Death Valley and the Mojave Desert were especially dear to her heart.

She loved to see new places and try new things. Whether racing through San Francisco in the Urban Iditarod, dancing all night during j'ouvert carnival celebration in Trinidad or driving a combine during wheat harvest on the Great Plains; Meg enjoyed novel experiences. She also fondly noticed little things about her environment that struck her as quirky, surprising or weird; often describing herself as "weirdo-philic."

Meg was above all kind and loving, with a gentle sense of humor and a deep concern for her family and friends. As a daughter and sister, she always gave support and advice, loyalty and the joy of her company. She was a passionate advocate for social and environmental justice and lived the principles in which she believed. She displayed all these qualities in the loving life she had with her husband Bill and in the devotion and intelligence with which she was raising Max and preparing for Toby.

Her brother Charlie died in 1999.

She is survived by her parents Madeline Marget and Ernie Zupancic of Auburndale, Mass.; her husband Bill Vinje of Greenbelt and their children Maxwell Charles Vinje (Max), age 2, and Tobias David Vinje (Toby), born on October 6; her sister Nellie Zupancic and Nellie's husband Jon Bresman, of Providence, R.I.; and countless friends and colleagues all over the country.

There will be a memorial service on November 1 at 3 p.m. at Westminster Hall, 519 W. Fayette Street in Baltimore.

All of her family and friends will miss Meg and are grateful for the wonderful memories she left.

— William Vinje

William F. Harrison

Longtime Greenbelt resident William (Bill) Farrell Harrison died on Tuesday, October 12, 2010, after a valiant struggle against coronary artery disease.

Born on April 14, 1947, he was challenged from the start by a learning disability. Over time, he met the further challenges of diabetes and heart disease with courage, grace and an abiding faith.

As a Boy Scout he persevered to the rank of Life Scout. He retired in 2002 from a 37-year career with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. His marriage to Mary Jane Sweeney ended in divorce.

He was predeceased by his parents, Charles "Chuck" and Lois Harrison and his brother John "Jack" Harrison.

He is survived by his sisters Jeanne Smith and Margaret Harrison; his brother, David Harrison; and a devoted cadre of other beloved relations, the youngest of whom were always his favorites. He was devoted to his dear friend of 13 years, Jennifer White.

A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated on Saturday, October 30 at 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4512 College Avenue in College Park.

Contributions may be made to the Alexandria Friends School, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304 or the Winston School, 8565 Ewing Halsell, San Antonio, TX 78229.

C. Chappell Memorial Tree Planting Is Nov. 7

There will be a tree-planting in memory of Cheryl Chappell on Sunday, November 7 at 1 p.m. Chappell was a teacher at Greenbelt Nursery School for 20 years as well as several years for the Greenbelt Recreation Department KinderCamp summer program.

Meet at Greenbelt Nursery School.

Donations toward the memorial tree and plaque can be made to Greenbelt Nursery School.

Cleaning with Cloth

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Upcoming Events
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On Thursday, October 28 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. Songwriters Association of Washington will hold its monthly Open Microphone night from 7 to 9 p.m. The Spanish Conversation Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday.

New Deal Piano Man John Guernsey taps out lively jazz and blue notes on Friday, October 29, as he does every Friday and Saturday. From 8 to 11 p.m., the Badger Band plays Grateful Dead and Dylan tunes and original material.

On Saturday, October 30 classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. Busted Taillight plays country and folk tunes.

Sunday, October 31 from 10:30 to noon is the Sign Language brunch discussion. From 6 to 8 p.m. will be Celtic and American folk tunes from “Gael in the Harbor.”

Next Week

Tuesday, November 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. is Americana Music Night with Don Walters.

Wednesday, November 3 Matteo Monk plays instrumental World/Electronica from 7 to 9.

Friday, November 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz and blues, followed from 8 to 11 p.m. by Rio Garage bossa nova.

On Saturday, November 6 The TV John Show is on from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed from 4 to 6 p.m. by classical guitarist Bruce Kritt. From 8 to 11 p.m. it’s three-piece band “Free Advice” playing original harmonies in vintage style.

There is no fee, cover charge or minimum charge for any of these events.

For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.



Genealogy Lecture
At Laurel Library

On Saturday, November 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Laurel library hear Researching African American Genealogy, a lecture by Michael Hait.

Professional genealogical researcher, lecturer and author of Records of the Slave Claims Commission, 1864-1867, Hait, who specializes in Maryland research, will speak on doing research on African-American genealogy.

The free lecture will be held at the Laurel Library, at 507 Seventh Street.

For more information contact Arlene Ogurick, at 301-776-6790 or 301-808-2061.

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City Information




COSTUME CONTEST AND PARADE
Friday, October 29
Registration from 4-4:30 in the grassy area in front of Curves. All ages are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween finest. Trick or Treat around to the Roosevelt Center Merchants. Prize packs will be awarded to the best costumes for ages 18 months through 6th grade. There will also be a prize for best family and best pet. Entertainment by Greg May and the Magical Mayhem Circus.

Trick-or-Treat will be Sunday, October 31st from 6-8pm. Please leave your porch light on if you will be participating. If you live in an apartment, please tie a white cloth to your door.

WANTED: INVOLVED AND CREATIVE VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE ON THE GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL TASK FORCE


Applications are being accepted for a task force of Greenbelt citizens to consider future uses of the existing historic school building. This building could become a great asset to our community!
For information call 301-474-8000.



JOIN THE WE CAN CHALLENGE!
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the City of Greenbelt are launching a home energy challenge.

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2. Sign up on www.wecansaveenergy.org
3. Earn points by conserving energy and exchange for discounts and coupons of your choice!

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Help us meet our goal of 50! Greenbelt currently has 40 people signed up.



RECYCLE RIGHT CONTEST “WIN WITH YOUR BIN”
You can win prizes by properly preparing your residential recycling bin during the next couple of weeks (Oct. 25-Nov. 5).


Five winners will be selected: one winner from each of the four City Recycling Collection Routes and one winner from a Contractual Recycling Collection Route. Make sure you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day! Check out our website to see what goes in your bin, download the Yes/No flyer from www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works

Part of the AMERICA RECYCLES DAY Celebration. America Recycles Day is on November 15. This event is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Metropolitan Council of Governments.

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You are invited to provide coupons, give-aways, pamphlets, flyers, etc to be included in the **WELCOME TO GREENBELT PACKET**. These packets will be distributed to new Greenbelt residents when they move in. We will be putting together 500 new packets in November. Please provide enough materials to put in these packets. Materials may be brought to the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, prior to November 5th.

For more information, contact Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator, 240-542-2026 or bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov.





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Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program presents
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Starting Thursday, November 4, 2010
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2:30 pm -4:00 pm.

Currently, there are 100 slots available. All interested Greenbelt residents should contact Nadege Sirri, GAIL Program intern at 301-474-8000 ext. 3002. She is available Monday-Thursday from 9-3 pm. You must speak with her directly to guarantee a slot. Phone lines open Thursday, October 28, 2010. All participants must bring their own bags or a rolling cart if possible. Please note sometimes items may be heavy. This program runs from November – May 2011.

For City News, Information, and events, visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Find us at www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt.

Third Party Candidates Offer Voting Alternatives

by Kathleen Gallagher

In a mid-term election year when more than the usual number of voters might be unhappy with their choice of major party candidates at the top of the ticket, or may be in a mood to throw all the rascals out, or don't exactly mean Arizona with Ginseng and Honey when they're talking about tea parties . . . in a year like that, it might not be a bad idea for Maryland's third parties to field candidates for the gubernatorial and Congressional offices.

And they have. The Libertarian, Green and Constitution Parties are all running slates in the governor's race. Green and Constitution candidates are running for U.S. Senate, and a Libertarian is on the District 5 ballot for U.S. Congress.

Governor

The Libertarian candidate for governor is Susan J. Gaztañaga, 61, a Barnard graduate and administrative coordinator at Johns Hopkins University. She is married and lives in Baltimore. Her administration's immediate goals would be to eliminate the state sales tax over eight years and order the Maryland National Guard home from Iraq and Afghanistan. She also would appoint a state superintendent of police who will issue a conceal-and-carry gun permit to anyone without a criminal record who feels he has to defend himself.

Her running mate, Doug McNeil, 60, also from Baltimore, is an Army veteran. Active in the peace movement and election reform, he also serves on the board of Tru-Vote in Maryland. (gaztanagaforgov.com)

Maria Allwine, 57, Green Party candidate for governor, has made previous runs for office, including state senator in 2006 and Baltimore City Council president in 2007. Employed as a managing editor, she is married, lives in Baltimore and is a long-time community organizer and activist for peace and justice.

Her administration's goal would be to establish fairness for working families and the poor. She would create a single-payer health care system at the state level, close corporate tax loopholes that have been closed in other states, create a more progressive income tax structure and lower electricity rates.

Her running mate for lieutenant governor is Ken Eidel, an Army veteran, computer consultant and business owner. He lives in Frederick and is active on a number of Frederick county and municipal boards. (allwineforgovernor.org)

Representing the Constitution Party in the governor's race is Eric Delano Knowles, a 32-year-

old resident of Annapolis. Currently working as a bartender and enrolled in Anne Arundel College, he is an Air Force veteran and a single dad.

Knowles is running on the Constitution Party platform that the federal government should be limited to the roles explicitly authorized by the U.S. Constitution. If elected, he would work to lower all taxes, cut spending, place schools under the direct control of parents and undertake no functions that can be provided by the private sector.

Knowles' running mate, Michael Hargadon, 59, is an Emmitsburg dentist, who is married with two children. He ran for Congress in 2008 and was a write-in candidate for lieutenant governor in 2006. Hargadon has also served on the board of Pro-Life Maryland. (ofbyandforthepeople.net)

U.S. Senate

The original Green candidate for U.S. Senate, law student Natasha Pettigrew, died on September 21 following injuries sustained when she was struck by an SUV while bicycling on the shoulder of Rt. 202 in Largo. The Green Party appointed her mother, Kenniss Henry of Cheverly, to fill the vacancy.

Henry has said only that she will adopt her daughter's platform, which focused on the economy, health care, education and moving toward renewable energy. Henry will also work for bicycle safety and creating bike lanes on all Maryland highways.

The Constitution Party candidate for U.S. Senate is Richard Shawver, 63, a Sykesville resident, who is married with two children. A former Marine and 22-year veteran of the Maryland National Guard, he also worked for the Hecht Company for nearly 40 years. He says the federal government should be cut back to those functions specified in the Constitution and return other rights and functions to the states. He made a prior run for the U.S. Senate in 2006.

U.S. House

Running to be U.S. Congressional Representative from District 5 is Libertarian Party candidate H. Gavin Shickle of Indian Head. An Iraq veteran, he credits his experience as a small business owner and manager with enabling him to understand how the burden placed on small business by the federal government is stifling economic and job growth.

He believes reduction of the federal debt must begin immediately as a matter of national security. He also supports additional nuclear power plants for electricity and a 15 percent flat income tax. (hgavinshickle.com)



PHOTO BY LORIAN SCHIEFF

Members of the Mishkan Torah and Community Church youth groups pose at the entrance to the Maryland Renaissance Festival. Despite the rainy start, the kids (and chaperones) had a great time.

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Before becoming governor, O'Malley was elected to two terms as mayor of Baltimore, preceded by two terms on the Baltimore City Council and a stint as Assistant State's Attorney for the city. He grew up in Montgomery County. Ehrlich served from 1995 until his election as governor as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Maryland's 2nd Congressional District. A native of Baltimore County, he had previously represented part of the county as a state delegate for four terms. Since his defeat in 2006, he has resumed his law practice and hosts a weekly radio show. Also on the ballot for governor are Susan Gaztañaga, Libertarian Party; Maria Allwine, Green Party; and Eric Delano Knowles, Constitution Party.

The two candidates for District 2 member of the Board of Education are listed in the bottom corner of the fourth page of the ballot. Mark Cook is a resident of College Park currently serving on the College Park City Council. He has an associate in arts degree and has worked in technology, performance management and as media commentator on technology. Peggy Higgins is an 18-year resident of Greenbelt who has been director of the City of College Park's Youth and Family Services Bureau for more than 20 years. She has a bachelor's degree in sociology and master's degrees in both social work and general administration.

Also on Ballot

Comptroller: Democrat Peter Franchot is seeking a second term. Prior to his election to statewide office, he served 20 years in the state House of Delegates, representing the residents of Silver Spring and Takoma Park. William H. Campbell of Columbia is the Republican opponent. Campbell has served as chief financial officer for a number of federal agencies and was Amtrak's chief financial officer from 2007-2009.

Attorney General: Democrat Douglas F. Gansler is unopposed. He is seeking reelection to his second term. Previously he was State's Attorney for Montgomery County.

U.S. Senator: Democrat Barbara A. Mikulski is seeking a fifth term. Previously, she was a member of Congress, served on the Baltimore City Council

and was a community activist. Her Republican opponent is Eric Wargotz, a physician and at-large commissioner for Queen Anne's County. Green Party candidate Kenniss Henry and Constitution Party candidate Richard Shawver are also on the ballot.

Representative in Congress: Prince Georgian Democrat Steny Hoyer is seeking his 16th term in Congress. His seniority and skills have earned him the position of House Majority Leader in the current Congress. He was a state senator and had become president of the state senate before being elected to Congress. His opponent is Republican Charles Lollar of Charles County, who is general manager for the Prince George's County facility of Cintas, a facility services corporation. He is also a major in the Marine Corps Reserve and has served as chair of the Charles County Republican Central Committee. H. Gavin Schickle, a Libertarian, is also on the ballot.

State Senator: Democrat Paul G. Pinsky is from Hyattsville. After teaching high school history for 20 years, he served two terms in the Maryland House of Delegates and was then elected to the State Senate for Legislative District 22 in 1994. He is unopposed.

State Delegates: The three Democratic incumbent delegates are unopposed. Tawanna Gaines, a former mayor of Berwyn Heights, is seeking her third elected term. Anne Healey, a former Hyattsville city councilmember, is seeking her sixth term. Justin Ross, also of Hyattsville, a real estate broker and consultant, is seeking his third term.

County Executive: Democrat Rushern Baker III is unopposed for election after successfully winning his party's nomination on his third try. He served four terms in the Maryland House of Delegates and more recently has been president of a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving education, in addition to practicing law.

County Council: Democrat Ingrid Turner of Bowie is seeking her second term as District 4 representative to the council. She is a retired Navy Commander in the Judge Advocate General's office. Her Republican opponent is newcomer Fionna Moodie of Bowie, a college freshman.

Judge of the Circuit Court:

Four sitting judges are up for election without opposition. They are Leo E. Green, Jr., C. Phillip Nichols, Jr., Michael R. Pearson and Beverly J. Woodard.

Other Judges: Yes or no votes for continuance in office are asked of four sitting judges. They are Glenn T. Harrell, Jr., of the Court of Appeals, Appellate Circuit 4, and Peter B. Krauser, Albert J. Matricciani, Jr. and Alexander Wright, Jr. of the Court of Appeals, at large.

State's Attorney: Democrat Angela Alsobrooks, a former domestic violence attorney in the State's Attorney's Office and executive director of the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County, is unopposed in her first bid for this office.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Democrat Marilynn Bland, a former school board member and county councilmember, is unopposed in her first bid for this office.

Register of Wills: Incumbent Democrat Cereta A. Lee is seeking her second term for this office and is unopposed.

Judge of the Orphans' Court: Three incumbent Democrats, Wendy A. Cartwright, Athena Malloy Groves and Vicky L. Ivory-Orem are seeking reelection to the three open slots. They are opposed by Republican JoAnn Y. Fisher.

Sheriff: Former county police chief Melvin C. High won the Democratic nomination and is unopposed in the general election.

State Questions: Question 1 asks voters to say yes or no to whether there should be a constitutional convention called. Question 2, if approved, would raise from \$10,000 to \$15,000 the amount in controversy in a civil proceeding for which a party has a right to a jury trial. Question 3, if approved, would require judges in the Baltimore City Orphans' Court to be members in good standing of the Maryland Bar.

County Questions: Six county questions seek voter approval for the issuance of bonds--for public works and transportation facilities, \$62,255,000; for county buildings, \$25,200,000; for library facilities, \$23,606,000; for community college facilities, \$42,227,000; for public safety facilities, \$85,835,000 and for environmental facilities, \$28,675,000.

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October Programs At Patuxent Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are held at two sites, the National Wildlife Visitor Center and the North Tract. All programs are free, although donations to the Friends of Patuxent are appreciated. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. For more information visit the website at patuxent.fws.gov.

Visitor Center

The National Wildlife Visitor Center, located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197, is offering the following programs:

Who’s Afraid of the Little Brown Bat Puppet Show – Friday, October 29 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for all ages. Follow a night in the life of a little brown bat and discover whether or not the things said about “creepy” bats is true. Program length is about 20 minutes; no registration is required.

Skull Scene Investigation (SSI) – Saturday, October 30 from 10:30 a.m. to noon for ages 11 to 14. SSI is underway. Join a refuge naturalist in discovering what different animal skulls can teach – learn how to tell an animal’s lifestyle just from looking at its bones.

Creatures of the Night – Sunday, October 31 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 8 to 10. Learn about the amazing adaptations of nocturnal creatures on the refuge. No need to be scared – discover whooo’s there and what they are up to in the quiet of the night.

Contest Topic Is Being an American

U.S. high school students and their teachers are invited to compete for nearly \$115,000 in prize money by participating in the Bill of Rights Institute’s fifth annual Being an American Essay Contest. Top prize winners and their teachers will also receive all-expenses paid trips to the nation’s capital.

The contest started on September 1, with a December 1 deadline for essay submissions. All essays must be submitted by a high school teacher. Winners will be announced in spring 2011.

The top three student winners and their teachers from each of the nine geographical regions will be announced at a special Washington, D.C. Awards Gala in the spring, where they will be awarded cash prizes of \$5,000 (First Place), \$1,000 (Second Place), and \$500 (Third Place). The winning students will also explore the nation’s capital, meet contemporary American heroes and national leaders and visit national landmarks.

More information and contest guidelines are available at www.BeingAnAmerican.org.

Public Input Sought For Historic Trail

The National Park Service will co-host a series of workshops to provide planning updates and seek input on development of the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail and Star-Spangled Banner Byway.

The first workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 3 by the Anacostia Watershed Society at the George Washington House, 4302 Baltimore Avenue in Bladensburg from 4 to 6 p.m.

More information may be viewed at www.nps.gov/stsp.

City Notes

Animal Control reports two dogs were found running at large and taken into custody, two dogs were adopted, two cats were surrendered by owners and forms were filled out to receive pet food donations from Target.

Planning staff met with Cindy Comproni of Greenbelt Federal Credit Union to discuss plans to replace the existing ATM machine.

Horticulture/Parks/Playgrounds crews installed wooden steps and porous pavers at the Skate Park to help control erosion.

Arts staff report a fully-subsidized after-school art class has begun at Springhill Lake Elementary School. The class is full, with 30 students enrolled. Four sessions will be delivered during the 2010/2011 school year, funded in part by a grant from the Prince George’s Arts Council.

CARES Director Liz Park met with Delegate Tawanna Gaines to discuss state funding for the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus. Park will also meet with Eloise Foster, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Budget and Management, to talk about Youth Services Bureaus.

History of Seasonal Foods at Riversdale

A seasonal foods demonstration will be offered by the Riversdale Kitchen Guild on Sunday, October 31 at Riversdale House Museum. Saluting the apple and the pumpkin, staples of autumn cooking as popular now as they were 200 years ago, the presentation on Sunday will be Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater.

Holidays, the schedule of seasonal fresh produce and the traditional cycles of an early 19th-century farm will guide each month’s program.

Riversdale House Museum is located at 4811 Riverdale Road in Riverdale Park. For more information call 301-864-0420, TTY 301-446-3402.

Museum Holds “Flight Fest”

College Park Aviation Museum presents “Flight Fest” on Saturday, October 30 from 1 to 5 p.m. Wear a costume and enjoy the fun fall-themed activities. There will be a costume contest and pumpkin bowling. Arts, crafts, hayrides and spooky fun are waiting for kids and families. There is a fee.

Genealogical Society To Meet Wednesday

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, November 3 at 7 p.m., in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. After a brief business meeting Sharon Hodges will discuss Voter Registration Records. All are welcome to attend this free presentation. The society meets on the first Wednesday of the month from September through June, except for January. For additional information see www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs or call 301-262-2063.

National Gallery Will Offer Free Concert

On Sunday, October 31 at 6:30 p.m. members of the National Gallery of Art Orchestra will present a free concert conducted by Gillian B. Anderson in the East Building Auditorium of the National Gallery of Art. Featured will be works by Beethoven, Mozart, Rossini and others.

For more information call 302-842-6941.

Mask Making Around World

At Montpelier Mansion on Sunday, October 31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. learn about and make masks from around the world. This free program is for all ages with no reservations required.

This program is in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibition, Between Fences, and its companion exhibit, Barriers and Gateways: The Immigrant Experience.

Barriers and Gateways is a companion exhibit also appearing at Montpelier Mansion that focuses on the metaphorical boundaries faced by immigrants throughout history. For a complete schedule of events related to Between Fences at Montpelier Mansion and its partner museum, the Laurel Museum, visit the website at www.pgparcs.com/between_fences.

Montpelier Mansion is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road in Laurel. For more information call Holly Burnham at 301-377-7817 or email Holly.burnham@pgparcs.com.

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Co-ops: Protectors Of the Commons

by Beth Olsen

I love living in a place that cares for and protects its commons. The most vulnerable assets on Earth are those that are shared by all and privately owned by none. The mission of cooperatives is to protect these common assets and GHI follows its mission faithfully. I live with my front yard and garden-side deck shaded by a forest canopy. My canopy is provided by my neighbors and the common-area forest trees. Only one tree in the front and one in the back are actually rooted in my yard. I depend

on my neighbors and the co-op to care for my canopy. All of the trees in the co-op are there because people who lived here before me cared enough to protect the forest and plant trees to replenish the forest when trees were removed. A forest canopy takes more than a human lifetime to grow, so I am thankful for those who joined the co-op years ago, before I arrived, who protected the commons for the next generation. I plan to do the same with the help of my neighbors in GHI, a forever-green cooperative.

GHI Members Celebrate Co-op Month with a Picnic

by Barbara Likowski

Members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) began an early celebration of Co-op Month with their annual picnic on Sunday, October 3 behind the GHI offices. The picnic, always popular with members, was well attended. Members from all sections of GHI gathered with family, friends, and neighbors to get caught up on news and activities. Meeting people for the first time, some found that their not previously known tablemates lived just around the corner, on the next street or some actually were court neighbors. As in past years, new friendships were begun.

Approaching the picnic site, we were drawn by the sound of many voices. Above the hubbub another inviting sound led people to the picnic – the music of the Greenbelt Concert Band. The band has grown from a few members to a full-sized

band. Led by Tom Cherrix, the band played many entertaining types of music – toe-tapping melodies and old favorites, the type of music that had people humming along.

It wouldn't have been a picnic without good food and plenty of it.

There were a few visitors. Several city councilmembers, including Mayor Judith Davis, Ed Putens, Silke Pope and Emmett Jordan, talked with GHI residents and enjoyed the food. Councilmember Rodney Roberts, a GHI member, and his wife also attended the picnic.

GHI's fall picnic is an annual tradition and is a time to be shared with others. Near the registration table GHI residents donated cans of food for the needy. Members also donated to the band to express their thanks for a lively program.

Co-op Celebrates End of Store Remodeling

On Saturday, November 6 from noon to 4 p.m. the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy will celebrate the completion of its renovations with a Grand Re-opening Celebration to which all are invited.

There will be free food (hot dogs, chips and ice cream), ice

tea, wine tasting, food sampling and a variety of door prizes. Be sure to register for a door prize between November 1 to 6. Entrants do not need to be present on November 6 to win.

In celebration of the completion of renovations there will

also be special savings throughout the store from November 1 through 7.

All are invited to celebrate with the store and share in festivities meant to express their appreciation for shoppers' patience and support during the remodeling.



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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to “Weekly Report” or http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

October 15, 6:35 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a person was approached by a man, who displayed a handgun and demanded the person’s property. The suspect is described as a black male, 23 to 27 years old, 5’4” to 5’6” and weighing 150 to 160 pounds, wearing a gray ski mask, black jacket and blue jeans.

October 16, 12:44 a.m., Sunrise Court at Ora Glen Drive, a person was approached by women who displayed a handgun and demanded the person’s money. The suspects are described as black females, 18 to 19 years old, wearing dark clothing.

DWI Arrest

October 15, 2 a.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while impaired by alcohol and other charges after a traffic stop. The man was released on citations pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

October 16, 2:06 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive, two non-resident men were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest among other charges. Both men were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Trespass

October 17, 12:48 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a non-resident woman was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

October 16, 2:17 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a sliding door was broken.

October 17, 2:59 p.m., 100 block Lastner Lane, the front of a home was damaged with a BB gun.

Alcohol Violation

October 17, 4:04 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with consuming an alcoholic beverage on public property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

October 15, 5:21 p.m., 6600 block Lake Park Drive, folding chairs were reported taken.

October 18, 11:47 a.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, an attempted burglary was reported.

October 20, 3:12 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a laptop and game system were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a blue 1996 Buick Skylark with no tags from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive and a white 1999 Lincoln Town Car with Md. tags from the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

Three vehicles were recovered

Father Is Arrested In Death of Infant

An arrest was made in the death of 3-month-old Zariyah Jacobs-Miller of Upper Marlboro that was reported in the September 16 News Review. On September 3 Greenbelt police and county Emergency Medical Services personnel responded to a call about an unresponsive child in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive and pronounced the baby dead at the scene.

When it was determined that the death had not occurred in Greenbelt but elsewhere, Prince George’s County police took over the investigation.

On October 8 the child’s father, Jonathan Jacobs, 22, of the Springhill Drive address was arrested, charged with first-degree murder and is in custody at the County Department of Corrections facility on a “no bond” status.

Police are still seeking information about the incident and ask that anyone with information call the county Homicide Unit at 301-772-4925. Persons wishing to remain anonymous can call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-8477, text “PGPD plus your message” to CRIMES (274637) or submit an online tip at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/police/>.

by Greenbelt police and one by the Metropolitan police. No arrests were made in any recovery.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Greenway Center (camera, iPod); 7600 block Mandan Road (airbags); 9300 block Edmonston Road (camera, airbag); 7700 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents – airbag and computer); 7800 block Mandan Road (Md. temporary tag); 7900 block Mandan Road (two incidents – stereo system and wallet, GPS, stereo system); 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (GPS); Beltway Plaza (three incidents – clothes and CB radio, television and rear Va. tag); 7800 block Jacobs Drive (auxiliary lamps); Breezewood Court at Edmonston Terrace (tire); 26 Court Ridge Road (rear Md. tag); 9300 block Edmonston Road (iPad, golf clubs, tire, rims); 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (rear Va.tag); 100 block Westway (clothes, roadside kit, tent); and 6200 block Springhill Court (airbags, GPS). Attempted thefts were reported at 100 block Westway, 200 block Lakeside Drive, 7800 block Hanover Parkway and Jacobs Drive at Frankfurt Drive.

Vandalism occurred at 6000 block Breezewood Drive (broken window), Beltway Plaza (broken window and scratched car), 5500 block Greenbelt Road (scratched car) and Breezewood Drive at Cherrywood Terrace (window shot with a BB gun).

Hearing Focuses on New “TheBus” Routes

by Thomas X. White

The Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) conducted a public hearing on its proposed restructuring of TheBus service for Greenbelt on Tuesday, October 12 in the multi-purpose room of the Greenbelt Community Center.

James Raszewski, chief of the Division of Transit for the DPW&T, presiding officer for the hearing, was joined by Carl Schuettler, chief of the DPW&T Planning Section and Kevin Thornton of the DPW&T staff. Raszewski opened the hearing, presenting the background and rationale for the proposed changes and then summarizing specific changes in TheBus routes to be implemented by DPW&T in mid-December.

Also attending the hearing were Larry Glick and James Hamre of the Bus Planning Department of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmembers Emmett Jordan, Edward Putens, Konrad Herling and Silke Pope.

The hearing also attracted a good number of TheBus riders from Greenbelt and surrounding communities who would be affected by the proposed changes. Howard Marshall, Jr., a business representative of the Drivers, Chauffeurs & Helpers Local Union No. 639, representing TheBus drivers, was also in attendance. TheBus drivers were then on strike against Veolia Transportation, a contract firm operating the system for DPW&T.

DPW&T provided a voluminous background document describing the planning process leading to the proposed changes and specific details on the new routings.

During the past year a collaborative planning effort included the DPW&T staff, City of Greenbelt planning staff, WMATA bus planning staff, members of the Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G), Greenbelt residents and elected officials. The proposed restructuring plan affects four TheBus routes.

Changes to those routes would complement four new WMATA bus routes also proposed for changes to take effect in mid-December. Proposed TheBus service would be available in Greenbelt from 6 a.m. to 8:14 p.m. Monday through Friday on TheBus routes 11, 15-Express (15X) and 16.

The proposed new WMATA routes in Greenbelt will be available from 4:23 a.m. to 1:48 a.m. each weekday and from 5:15 a.m. to 2:28 p.m. on Saturdays on Metrobus routes C2, G-12, G14/G16 and the R-12.

New Routes

TheBus route 11 will operate (6:20 a.m. to 8:20 p.m.) from the Greenbelt Metro Station, proceeding then to Cherrywood Lane, MD Route 201 (Kenilworth Ave.), Crescent Road, Greenhill Road, Hillside Road, back to Crescent Road, Southway, MD 193 (Greenbelt Road), Hanover Parkway, Greenbrook Drive, Ora Glen Drive, Mandan Road, Hanover Parkway, to Greenbelt

Road. Route 11 TheBus will then reverse the routing back to the Greenbelt Metro Station.

This routing was devised to maintain service on Hillside Road, which the new Metrobus routings will discontinue. TheBus route also partially satisfies City of Greenbelt requests to have this line constitute more of a Greenbelt circulator route among Greenbelt’s geographic neighborhoods. Current Route 11 stops will no longer be served because of changes in other proposed routes.

According to the plan, the existing TheBus route 15 will be discontinued. The proposed 15X route will operate (6 to 9:40 a.m. and 3:30 to 7:10 p.m.) from the Greenbelt Metro Station via Cherrywood Lane to Greenbelt Road, NASA Goddard’s Visitor Center, Cipriano Road, MD 564 (Lanham-Severn Road), MD 450 (Annapolis Road), Ellin Road and then terminate at the New Carrollton Metro Station.

TheBus route 16 will operate (5:30 a.m. to 8:14 p.m.) from the Greenbelt Metro Station, proceeding to Cherrywood Lane, Springhill Drive, Springhill Lane, Breezewood Drive, Cherrywood Lane, 60th Avenue (Berwyn Heights), 57th Avenue, Berwyn Road, 58th Avenue, Pontiac Street, Kenilworth Avenue, Greenbelt Road, Hanover Parkway, Good Luck Road, Doctors Community Hospital, Good Luck Road, Lamont Drive, Riverdale Road, MD 450, 85th Avenue and terminating at the New Carrollton Metro station.

The three new TheBus routes, when put into place in late December 2010, are intended to coordinate with and complement several restructured Metrobus routes serving Greenbelt. These include a truncated C-2 route and a new R-12 route operating between the Greenbelt Metro Station and the Deanwood Metro Station with stops within Empirian Village, now known as Franklin Park.

Other changes include a new G-12 route replacing that portion of the old R12 that went to New Carrollton Metro Station but taking a different route through old Greenbelt and new G-14 and G-16 routes replacing the existing T-16 and T-17 routes from the Greenbelt Metro Station to the New Carrollton Station.

Metrobus restructuring was not part of the evening’s public hearing but residents who had signed up to speak expressed concerns about the restructured Metrobus routes.

Public Comments

A total of 17 people, having signed up previously, provided comments. Except for the union representative, all speakers were transit riders. Generally they provided testimony on how the proposed changes would affect their current transit experience or commented more generally on TheBus service.

Practically every speaker lamented the lack of TheBus service within Greenbelt on Saturdays, Sundays or late in the evening, making it almost impossible for those dependent on public transportation to take advantage of regional cultural events and for those working evening shifts

to have a way home.

One veteran transit rider who earns her living by taking temporary positions in the region stressed how important TheBus and Metrobus service is to reach her varied destinations. She felt that a more open planning process should have been available for rider input. She also challenged bus officials to get out of their offices and for at least one day use the system as the riders do.

Several speakers noted how the proposed changes would take away TheBus service they utilize, mainly because the new routings are not as close to their homes. A number of speakers specifically noted the loss of the Metrobus C-2 routing to Greenbelt, which currently takes them to points west of Greenbelt for medical or other appointments. In December the new C-2 would go in the direction of College Park and the University of Maryland.

More Stops Needed.

Still others asked for more detail on stop locations for the new routes. Based generally on their TheBus experience, they hoped there would be more stops and that drivers would actually stop at designated sites.

The issue of number of stops was mainly directed to the proposed 15X route on Greenbelt Road, with speakers suggesting both more and more convenient stops. One speaker felt that Greenway Center location, which nearly every bus passes, could give riders better options, possibly increasing ridership.

Some speakers hoped the new routings would work out and be more reliable, as well as complementing the Metrobus routes. However, the most stinging comment for the evening came from a speaker with experience with transit in Mexico and India, who wondered how those countries do a better job with public transit than suburban Maryland.

The union representative’s comments focused primarily on bus driver safety. He wanted to alert riders that substitute drivers during the current strike against Veolia Transportation are working way out of the “safety zone.” Those drivers are working shifts that are too long, with some not able to get bathroom breaks or meal breaks, he said.

The hearing lasted about an hour, with minimal exchange between the speakers and Raszewski. The hearing was being videotaped and recorded.

However when a speaker had a question, Raszewski offered to get together after the hearing. When the hearing ended, those who had not signed up had an opportunity to make comments or ask questions. The record for the hearing will be kept open until November 12.

Material distributed at the hearing is available online at www.co.pg.md.us/government/agency/index/dpw&t. A Transportation menu is on the right side of the site and TheBus Restructuring PDF file is at the bottom of the list. Previous News Review articles on the TheBus and Metrobus restructuring appeared in the July 15, July 22 and August 5 issues.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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Jolene Chinn Schwartz at age 11 was brought to the U.S. for reconstructive surgery. The film describes how her mother, a physician, offers help to children in China who have devastating injuries.

HandReach Utopia Film Has Greenbelt Origins

In January HandReach, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit headed by Greenbelt resident Dr. Brecken Chinn Swartz, took a team of six American clinicians to Beijing to offer a week-long clinic bringing free surgeries and rehabilitation plans for pediatric burn survivors at the China Air Force General Hospital.

On this trip, HandReach staff spent time with a young boy named MingHe (whose name means “Bright River” in Chinese), whose incredible story could not be left untold and led to a joint effort by HandReach and National Geographic videographer David Ross Smith to film his story. “Bright River,” about MingHe, his parents and the odds they face in their journey of healing is one of the films to be shown at the Utopia Film Festival on Saturday at the Municipal Building.

Greenbelt high school student Jolene (Zhou Lin) Chinn Swartz knows these incredible odds all too well. Burned severely from the waist down at age 11 in her native China, Jolene was brought to the U.S. in 2006 by Greenbelt couple Brecken and Bill Swartz for reconstructive surgeries and prosthetics at Shriners Hospitals for Children. She later become their adopted daughter. Herself an amputee but now a senior and National Honor Society student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Jolene is reaching back to her native China

through her adoptive mother’s nonprofit, HandReach, to help children like MingHe with devastating injuries. Due to the unwavering efforts of Brecken, Jolene and the rest of the HandReach team, MingHe is scheduled to arrive in the U.S. for care in November.

HandReach began in 2002 as a provider of education microgrants to some of China’s poorest rural schools. Through the process of obtaining reconstructive care to help Jolene achieve her dream of walking again, Executive Director Dr. Brecken Chinn Swartz realized the tremendous gap that exists for poor children throughout the developing world, debilitated by complex trauma injuries, whose families cannot afford much needed care. HandReach launched the Children’s Healing Initiative in 2007 to bring together the best hands in the world to help children left disabled by burns and amputations recover and get back to a full, productive life.

The MingHe story, “Bright River,” a part of Shorts Program #2, will be shown at the Utopia Film Festival on Saturday, October 30 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. Brecken and Jolene Swartz will both attend at the Bright River screening for a question and answer session afterward.

More information about HandReach is available online at www.handreach.org.

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they travel together at a time of tension between the United States and the Muslim world.

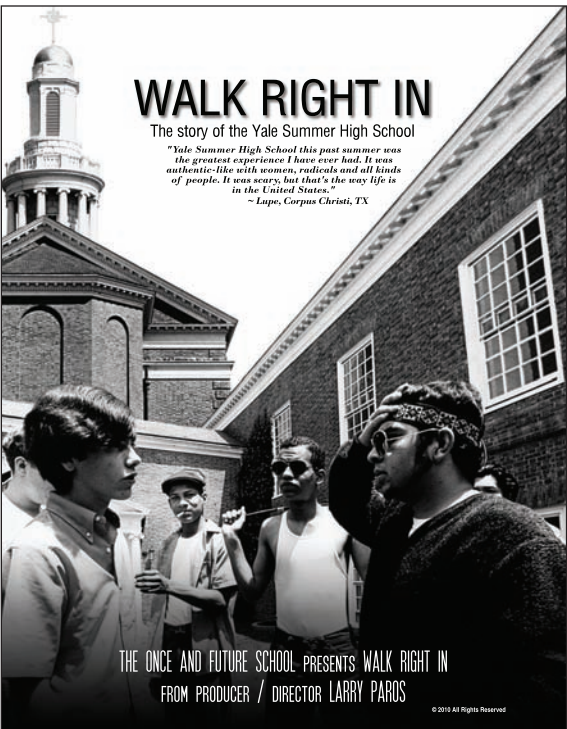
Another documentary, “Walk Right In,” is about a radical Yale University social experiment at the height of the turbulent 1960s and how its participants are faring in the 21st century. It will be screened at the Municipal Building at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 29.

Besides documentaries, four separate short-film programs have been scheduled. A free program of shorts by and about young people, “Kid Vids,” will be offered on Saturday, October 30 at 10 a.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building. The Municipal Building will also host “Saturday Afternoon Shorts,” beginning at noon. Starting at 10 p.m. Saturday, a “Late Night Shorts” program will be aired.

In addition, the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre at noon on Saturday will host “The Land I Love,” a short-films program dealing with social issues in various American locales.

Other films of note include “Keeping the Kibbutz,” which explores whether the Israeli concept of communal living will survive in the 21st century. It will be screened at noon on Sunday, October 31 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, with “Seeking the 36,” about a teenager’s search for the “Thirty Six Just Men” of Jewish folklore.

The full-length documentary “Music of the Brain,” slated for Saturday, October 30 at 4:30 p.m.



This is the billboard for another feature film, Walk Right In, that will be screened on Friday, October 29 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

at the Municipal Center, examines the role of music in brain development and healing.


Greenbelt Films

Utopia will also feature a showing of the classic 1939 New Deal-era documentary “The City,” about the need for “green towns” like Greenbelt, on Sunday, October 31, at 2 p.m. at the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre, along with the premiere of “Greenbelt: A Model Community,” a short film produced by the Greenbelt Museum to show its visitors.

And this year for the first time Utopia will partner with the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre for three screenings of the 35-year-old cult classic “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” at midnight on October 29 and 30 and 10 p.m. on October 31.

Tickets and schedule information will be available at each venue entrance. See the ad in this week’s News Review for full schedule and utopiafilmfestival.org to learn more.

Susan Gervasi serves as publicity chairperson for the Utopia Film Festival.



Condolences to the friends of lifelong Greenbelter Steven Hooper, 61, who died October 23, 2010, from complications of pancreatic cancer. A memorial service will be held at the Community Church at a later date.

Our sympathy to William Vinje and children Maxwell and Tobias on the death of his wife and their mother Margaret Louise Zupancic on October 7, 2010.

William (Bill) Farrell Harrison died on Tuesday, October 12, after a long battle with coronary artery disease. Family and friends will miss him.

We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Vicky Martinez, 58, a longtime lunchroom and playground monitor at Greenbelt Elementary School, on October 23, 2010. A funeral service will be held at Gasch’s on Wednesday, November 3.

Congratulations to Liz Labukas, who was honored by the Greenbelt Nursery School (GNS) for her 33 years as their Program Aide.

At a retirement party held October 1 Liz was presented with a Certificate of Accomplishment, a GNS T-shirt and a quilt made from handprints of the nursery school students. Many current and former GNS teachers and students attended the event to join in wishing her good luck and happiness in her retirement and to tell her how much they will miss her.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Reformation Celebration

Long before there was Halloween, there was Reformation Day, October 31. On this day, October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the doors of the church in Wittenberg, Germany beginning the Protestant Reformation.


Dr. Luther wanted his church to again focus on the message of the Bible: that a person is saved and accepted by God not by our works, but by the work of Jesus Christ. Each October 31st, Lutherans celebrate the basic teaching of the Bible: “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

You are cordially invited to join your friends at Holy Cross Lutheran Church as we celebrate Reformation Day, Sunday October 31st. We will have one special worship service at 9:30 a.m.

A special “Lutheran” luncheon of Bratwurst, Hot German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage and desserts will follow. There will be games and other activities for children of all ages!

Please join us on Sunday, October 31st at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
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those of most other states.

Ehrlich challenges O’Malley’s raising of the sales tax. He contends that O’Malley has created a hostile business climate. While Ehrlich complains about O’Malley’s “litigating the past,” he does not hesitate in the debates to resurrect O’Malley’s past as mayor of Baltimore and that city’s school problems.

Since O’Malley has edged ahead of challenger Ehrlich in recent polling, Ehrlich may see the debates and his responses to the O’Malley campaign ads as a chance to make up some ground before the election.

O’Malley Platform

The O’Malley website offers 16 issue papers on topics he feels are important to Maryland’s future. Here are positions set forth in these papers and elsewhere:

O’Malley efforts to create, save and maintain jobs include a law enacted this year providing a \$5,000 tax credit to any business hiring an unemployed Marylander, a loan program for small businesses, public-private partnerships involving the creation of jobs for the Port of Baltimore and incentives provided to the General Motors electric drive assembly plant in White Marsh.

O’Malley proposes a more progressive tax rate by restructuring the state income tax so that 85 percent of Maryland tax payers will pay less than under the previous Ehrlich administration. O’Malley has expanded the Maryland Earned Income Tax Credit by 25 percent, claiming that for the 2008 tax year more than \$190 million in credits were granted. His administration also fought to increase the personal income tax exemption for all Marylanders earning up to \$100,000 or \$150,000 for joint filers.

Under the heading Fiscal Responsibility, O’Malley claims to have cut state spending by \$5.6 billion, reduced the size of Maryland’s state government by 4,200 positions and crafted a Fiscal Year 2011 budget that preserves \$829 million for the future.

Schools

Maryland has the number one public school system in the nation (according to one evaluation of such systems) and O’Malley claims that historic increases in educational funding during his administration helped achieve this result. This policy has empowered Maryland students to lead the country with high test scores and exceptional performance.

In the past year O’Malley claims to have provided \$5.7 billion for Maryland schools and a record \$1.3 billion for new school construction and renovation projects. O’Malley boasts of freezing tuition at all state universities during the past four years.

From 2006 to 2009 O’Malley has fought to empower women and women-owned businesses. His administration has increased awards to minority and women business enterprise firms by 61.8 percent.

Maryland families are now safer, O’Malley claims. The violent crime rate has dropped to its lowest level since 1975, he notes.

In addition, under his leadership, he claims, Maryland had the highest minority business participation rates in history; appointed record percentages of women to judgeships across the state and pushed for legislation that pro-

vided healthcare to more than 100,000 uninsured children.

The O’Malley administration has expanded use of the latest technologies and strategies for law enforcement efforts by improving partnerships and information sharing between state and local governments and implementing new state-of-the-art digital fingerprinting and DNA technology. A backlog of 24,000 unanalyzed DNA samples inherited from the previous administration has been eliminated, he claims.

Chesapeake Bay

O’Malley has fought for legislation to reduce storm-water run-off into the Chesapeake Bay and his policies have helped to reverse the decline in the Bay’s Blue Crab population, which he claims is now at a ten-year high in Maryland. The Chesapeake Bay is the healthiest it’s been in years, he says.

O’Malley has set a goal to create 10,000 new “green-tech” jobs in Maryland by 2015.

As to healthcare, he claims to have added more than 200,000 individuals to those who have access to healthcare. Currently the State of Maryland provides healthcare to 837,000 Marylanders. O’Malley says he will not rest until every Marylander has access to affordable and quality healthcare.

Under his administration, the number of individuals with disabilities receiving state services has increased dramatically from 6,572 in 2008 to over 11,000 in 2010, his website claims. The average time for a person with a disability to be on a wait-list for service has dropped from 18 months to 4 to 6 months and the wait-list has been reduced to 1,304.

Transportation

Under transportation, O’Malley takes note of the public-private partnership agreement that has led to the proposed construction of a 50-foot berth at the Seagirt Marine Terminal at the Port of Baltimore, yielding an economic advantage by accommodating large freight vessels. Also listed is his commitment of a multi-year \$500 million contribution to the WMATA transit system.

Despite a challenging economy, O’Malley notes his support of the Red Line in the Baltimore area, the Purple Line (light rail line) in the Washington area and the I-270 Corridor Cities Transit way, putting Maryland in a position to compete for federal funds.

While attacking Ehrlich’s “single minded obsession with the Inter-County Connector” that “put other vitally important highway and transit projects on the backburner,” O’Malley, who also supported this road’s construction, claims he has ensured that this one project did not become the Maryland version of Boston’s “Big Dig.”

Other O’Malley goals would improve student achievement and school, college and career readiness in Maryland; reduce per capita electricity consumption in Maryland by 15 percent (based on 2007 levels) and end childhood hunger in Maryland by 2015.

By 2020, well beyond the end of his second term, if reelected, O’Malley envisions the Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts reaching the healthier bay tipping

point, doubling transit ridership and reducing Maryland’s greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent. His final goal for 2022 is to increase Maryland’s renewable energy portfolio to 20 percent.

Ehrlich Positions

The focus on Ehrlich’s website relates to his vision of creating new jobs in Maryland. He envisions Maryland as the job creation capital of the region, where any entrepreneur with passion and a plan can freely innovate, grow and prosper. This achievement would create a business climate that empowers small businesses – 98 percent of all Maryland employers – to create jobs, make a profit and lift the overall quality of life.

Ehrlich claims that during the past four years Maryland politicians enacted \$6.3 billion in tax increases on families and small businesses, threatening job creation and adding to Maryland’s budget deficit.

Ehrlich claims that total spending in Maryland over the past four years was \$22 billion more than in the preceeding four years. Even after the \$6.3 billion tax increase, \$3 billion in fund transfers and \$4.5 billion in federal stimulus funds, Maryland remains in an \$8 billion hole from which it cannot emerge without a fundamental reexamination of services the government provides.

Other Ehrlich priorities are to improve K-12 education and higher education, reduce gridlock and restore the Chesapeake Bay. He envisions a network of roads and transit systems that safely and reliably get commuters from their homes to places of work and recreation.

The principles guiding that strategy, he claims, would be consensus, fixing what is broken and prioritizing new projects that boost the economy and improve safety. On Bay restoration he would pursue consensus with local, state and federal officials, citizens, farmers and businesses to find incentive-based solutions.

Even in a fiscal crisis, Ehrlich says that government’s core function is to serve the most vulnerable in the community. He says he will identify and fund health care programs that not only protect citizens with acute needs but also return high value to the taxpayer.

Immigration

On immigration, and in the absence of a federal solution, Ehrlich supports the rights of individual states to defend themselves from illegal immigration, particularly when public safety is at risk. Here he would close

loopholes that allow certain illegal immigrants to possess a Maryland driver’s license. He also opposes discounted in-state tuition rates to illegal immigrants and would toughen state budgeting measures to ensure that no organization receives public funds to aid illegal immigration.

Ehrlich pledges his support in exempting 100 percent of military pension income for qualified military retirees. That would benefit 50,000 military families, he claims. Such a program would boost the Maryland economy, he believes. Currently only the first \$5,000 of military retirement income is exempt in Maryland.

Ehrlich also pledges to restore a portion of the local transportation state-shared funding he accuses O’Malley of “raiding.” He pledges, if reelected, to include in his first budget restoration of 25 percent of the local aid cut by O’Malley. (Greenbelt and other local jurisdictions have been protesting this loss of revenue.) Ehrlich supports construction of the Purple Line as a bus way.

Ehrlich has pointed out differences between himself and O’Malley regarding school funding. This has been a hot topic in the first two gubernatorial debates, with each candidate arguing he made record investments in K-12 schools. For this one, voters may have to take an accountant into the voter’s booth.

Debunking

Both candidates’ websites have sections devoted to debunking the other’s positions, sites clearly needing an arbiter. Each attacker couches his position in positive terms and contrasts his opponent’s “position” in a pejorative light. The Ehrlich approach is to Name the Issue; O’Malley’s is Making Stuff Up.

For more information on the political positions of the candidates, readers can visit their respective websites: O’Malley at www.martinomalley.com and Ehrlich at www.bobehrich.com.

Mid-Week Fall Bird Walks

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New Holiday Book Features Riversdale

Riversdale House in Riverdale Park is featured in “Christmas at Historic Houses,” a coffee table book by mother-daughter writers Patricia Hart McMillan and Katharine Kaye McMillan, Ph.D that includes 250 full color photographs of prestigious and historically significant houses in the United States and England. Included are Biltmore, America’s largest private residence (occupying four acres) and Waddesdon Manor, the Buckinghamshire, England home of Lord Rothchild of the famed European banking family – home to 70 children during the WWII London Blitz.

Thirty houses are featured. “Some are Victorian extravaganzas but we devote a chapter to Riversdale because it beautifully reflects early American history when homes were decorated for the season, not the holiday,” says Pat McMillan.

In the book, Dr. Ann Wass, a historian with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is quoted as saying. that “mid-winter was the height of a season dedicated to socializing. These events occurred not on one day only, but throughout the winter.” Similarly, Riversdale today celebrates the season with events designed to educate and entertain.





GHI BOARD SEEKS TO FILL VACANCY

The resignation of GHI board member Ed Hickey has left a vacant seat at the board table. A seven-month commitment remains of Ed’s unexpired board term. Qualified candidates should submit a Letter of Intent in a sealed envelope marked **Board Candidate** to the Management Office by the close of business on November 1, 2010.

The candidate must be a member of the Cooperative, be willing to commit numerous hours to attend at least 21 board meetings per year, which are held every other Thursday of each month. Other duties/qualifications include serving as board liaison to at least one committee, preparing for meetings in advance, respect for confidentiality, team spirit, independent thinking, and a genuine love of your Cooperative. No prior experience necessary, however, general business and finance knowledge or experience is helpful.

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On October 11, the Greenbelt City Council commemorated National Cooperative Month by recognizing six currently existing cooperatives within the city. Back Row: Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Edward Putens, Leta Mach, Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmembers Silke Pope, Emmet Jordan and Rodney Roberts. Front Row: Lisa Meyer (Greenbelt Nursery School), Bob Davis (Co-op Supermarket) Gerry Kulsulavic (GFCU), Gene Krebs (GFCU), Suzette Agans (GHI), Sylvia Lewis (GHI), Ed James (New Deal Café) and Renauta York (Greenbelt News Review).

Council Honors Greenbelt Co-ops, This Year’s Beautification Winners

by Renauta York

In honor of National Cooperative Month, representatives from Greenbelt’s six currently existing cooperatives were invited to the Monday, October 11 Greenbelt City Council meeting to receive a copy of the city’s support and recognition of cooperative businesses. Co-op representatives included Sylvia Lewis and Suzette Agans from Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), Bob Davis from Greenbelt Consumers Cooperative (Co-op grocery store), Eugene Krebbs and Gerry Kulzulavic from Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (GFCU), Lisa Meyer from the Greenbelt Nursery School, Renauta York from the Greenbelt News Review and Ed James from the New Deal Café. The council meeting was shown live on local access television.

The city proclamation expressed appreciation to Greenbelt’s six cooperatives for “coming together to meet common economic, social and cultural needs through a democratically controlled enterprise that is owned and governed by its members and exists solely to serve the members interests,” and for embodying the theme of National Co-op Month – “Local, trusted, serving you.”

In separate statements, Agans from GHI, citing National Cooperative Business Association statistics, noted that 29,000 co-operative businesses are currently operating across the country, with 155 million members.

Greenbelt’s six cooperatives, however, are a lot for one community – most have only one or two. Councilmember Leta Mach, a member of the Cooperative Alliance Committee, added that cooperative businesses are



Winners of the Prince George’s County Beautification awards were also honored. Back Row: Councilmembers Edward Putens, Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmembers Silke Pope, Emmett Jordan and Rodney Roberts. Front Row: Pravina Mattoo (Residence), Bill Novick (Greenbelt Service Center), Lisa Meyers (Greenbelt Nursery School), Brian Townsend (City) and Anwar Saleh (Greenbelt Barber Shop).

a great help to the country and that the idea of co-op businesses is growing.

Councilmember Edward Putens thanked Mach for her work with the Cooperative Alliance.

The representatives in attendance gave councilmembers buttons to show their support for local cooperatives. Copies of the proclamation were provided to each representative and photos taken to commemorate the event.

Council then honored the winners of the Prince George’s County Beautification awards given to area individuals, busi-

nesses and local governments.

Greenbelt won in all three categories: Pravina Mattoo (Lake Drive) won in the individual category. Brian Townsend from the Public Works Department accepted the award for the Aquatic and Fitness Center, Greenbelt Youth Center and Roosevelt Center underpass. Bill Novak from Greenbelt Service Center/Sunoco and Anwar Saleh from Greenbelt Barber and Stylist received awards in the business category.

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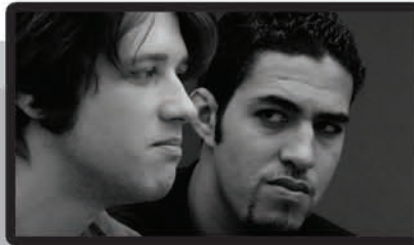
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Midnight Show
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• OCTOBER 30th

SATURDAY

City of Greenbelt
Municipal Building

10:00am

Shorts 1 • Kid Vids • FREE PROGRAM
Cravings • When Life Gives You Lemons
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Noon

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DOC • 17 mins • Loch Phillipps
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Noon

Shorts 2 • Saturday Afternoon Shorts
Hope Then and Now • One For You and One For Me
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2:00pm

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• OCTOBER 31st

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Noon

Shorts 4 • The Land That We Love
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2:00pm

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DOC • 28 mins • Vijali Hamilton
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10:00pm

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The ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW
\$10 Admission • 100 mins • Jim Sharman



Photos • From Top to Bottom:
The City • Gava/Gate Animation
The Glass House • Living on Your Feet
Unrequited Love • Seeking the 36
Unraveling Michelle
Homegrown Revolutions
The World Wheel Journeys



New Deal Café
113 Centerway
Roosevelt Center

4:00pm
Closing Reception
Utopian Visions Awards
Presentations and Ceremony

By INVITATION ONLY